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Judith Jayson sits by one of the many gardens at her Windmill Point Road South home in Ridgeway. She earned the top recognition in the Communities in Bloom single residential category. For more about the competition, go to page 2.



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National judges 'blown away' by pride in local community

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Both national judges for Communities in Bloom who were in town last weekend, feel Greater Fort Erie has a lot to be proud of.

Last Sunday, at the Leisureplex banquet hall, businesses and residents with green thumbs were awarded for their hard work and pride in keeping the community they work and live in as attractive on the eyes as possible.

Evelyn Atemanni, one of the national judges, who travelled to Fort Erie from California said when they peruse the community, it isn't necessarily individual homes and businesses that

are inspected specifically... it's the big picture. "We're not looking in people's backyards, we're looking at the whole

town," she said. A few years ago, Atemanni visited Fort Erie while on vacation and was delighted to

come back as a Judge. "I'm blown away," she said.

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Racing plan leaves local track in the dark

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA) has a plan for the province, but Fort Erie doesn't seem to be on the benefitting end of it.

Titled the "plan for the future," the proposal suggests continued support from the government, but also implies that all race dates from the Fort Erie Racetrack would be moved to Woodbine... since the local 15-year-border oval is known to host "B-level" racing at the facility, compared to the "A-level" competition at the Toronto track. The plan is designed to be a recommendation to the Ontario government to work with the industry and hopefully find a sustainable solution to support horse racing.

The OHRIA has also formed a panel to control the proposal with 18 members to sit on it, 16 of them are from Woodbine... which Fort Erie Live Racing

Consortium chief executive officer Jim Thibert takes exception to.

The plan recommends cutting down the number of thoroughbred race dates in 2013 across the province from 243 to 167 and total dates in Ontario at all tracks from 1540 to 797.

In a letter written to the OHRIA's transition panel, Thibert expressed his concerns in detail.

"I can assure you that without equivocation, we at Fort Erie are not supportive of this plan and for very good reasons," he said in his address.

In an interview with the Fort Erie Times, Thibert said the plan laid out by the OHRIA does not suggest anything new and exciting that could save the horse racing industry as a whole and in his opinion, is only a recommendation that would help Woodbine Racetrack survive the government's decision to end the slots program.

"Now they're going to the government with hat in hand, same old crap, same old story," said Thibert.

The consortium's chief executive officer feels

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There's nothing in there talking about developing new markets or new efficiencies."

— Jim Thibert

Fort Erie Racetrack should have been includ-

ed in the plan. He says the historic track in Fort Erie has been ignored and instead the industry has aimed its focus on the nearest competitor up the Queen Elizabeth Way.

"They're saying give us more and by the way we'll just moderate by just sharing less with fewer people," said Thibert.

Thibert says one of the most predominant struggles the horse racing industry faces is the decrease in interest and

if the OHRIA focuses more on marketing the sport of kings to create more intrigue with younger generations, there could still be a chance for tracks other than Woodbine to survive.

"There's nothing in there talking about developing new markets or new efficiencies," he said.

To read the full plan created by the OHRIA, visit www.value4money.ca.



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Fort Erie fire chief Larry Coplen examines a transport trailer that was stuck for most of the day on Wednesday, under the bridge between the Thompson and Bowen Roads.

Truck gets stuck

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

A commercial vehicle and its driver that were unfamiliar with the overpass at Bowen and Thompson Roads caused the area to be closed off for most of Wednesday morning and afternoon.

After the driver knew he had already struck the overpass, he made an attempt to still drive all the way through to the other end and became completely stuck about 100 feet in.

Crews spent most of the day removing the vehicle, after getting the call at about 6 a.m.

Coplen says there have been similar incidents at the same location and most of the time it involves commercial drivers who are not from the area.

He said there is plenty of signage at the overpass' approach that should make drivers aware of its clearance.

"I don't know what else they could do to alert drivers," said Coplen.

Local man charged with uttering threats

A Fort Erie man has been charged with utter-

ing threats after making harassing phone calls to the Welland courthouse.

Niagara Regional Police say a man was making threatening phone calls to the Office of the Crown Attorney. Charged with one count each of uttering threats and harassing phone calls is 31-year-old Paul Trieler.

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Golf event carries on a legacy

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

A tragedy that took a young man's life has turned into an annual celebration of his life, for the last five years.

In 2008, Josh Mack lost his life in an accident in Port Colborne when his vehicle entered the Welland Canal.

Since then, his friends and family have carried on his legacy by organizing the annual Josh Mack Memorial Golf.

Mack, a graduate of Lakeshore Catholic High School (LCHS) also had a love for hockey and wore a Gators jersey every year he was in high school.

For the last four years of the tournament, the cause has been a scholarship fund that supports a hockey player from the high school in Port Colborne.

This year, over \$3,300 was raised and money is still coming in, says event co-ordinator Stephen Cooper, who rode the bus with Mack

on their way to LCHS years ago.

He became more acquainted with Josh through mutual friends as time went on.

The tournament was started by one of Josh's closer friends Shawn Leggett in its first year and Cooper is glad to have taken over putting everything together since then.

"Everyone gets to enjoy each other's company and we get to carry on a legacy," said Cooper.

He admits that everyone who knew Josh in some capacity has their own way of grieving with his loss and that is completely normal, but the annual out-

ing, held this year at Fort Erie Golf Club, is a way to turn that frown upside down.

"We can change that attitude and make things better for others," he said.

Josh's mother Sue says the event is always difficult because it does bring back memories, but knowing that it benefits young adults who love the same things as her son is rewarding at the same time.

"It's more and more successful each year," she said.

"It's all about carrying on Josh's spirit," she said.



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Stephen Cooper, Sue Mack, Shawn Leggett, Andrew Walpole, Corey Simon, Jennie-Lynn Phillips and Ben Eden at the annual Josh Mack Memorial Golf Tournament last Saturday.

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our editorial

Golf events a great way to pay tribute

It's always difficult to take a tragic event and turn it into something positive.

There were two golf tournaments this weekend that fit precisely into that category.

The annual Josh Mack Memorial has been held for five years.

It takes place because a young man and great guy lost his life way too soon.

Obviously it has been a challenge for his close friends and family to get over the tragedy and maybe they never will, but at least this annual outing is something Mack certainly would have wanted... people having a great time while raising money to support a hockey player on his old high school team.

It was a great turnout at the event and over \$3,500 was raised.

That's definitely something that can be considered a positive achievement.

ment.

The following day, also at Fort Erie Golf Club, another tournament was held in honour of two Rich's employees who lost their lives in an accident earlier this year.

Much more recent than Mack's accident, the purpose of the tournament was to raise money for the families of both victims.

Nobody close to them would ever wanted something like this to happen. Unfortunately it did and their colleagues at work organized this event to support their families.

We would like to show appreciation to people in the community who supported or organized these two events.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

We knew our readers were up for the challenge of identifying last week's double-photo spread!

Our thanks to Todd Turner, Dr. Bob Twidle, Taina Remmler, and an anonymous reader for calling about the kayakers, and to Rob Lidbetter and Betty Kinsman for identifying a few of the Irvin Industries personnel. The kayakers are,

from left to right: Ingmar Remmler, a local filmmaker whose work has been distributed by the National Film Board, and his son Daryl Remmler, a competitive kayaker.

Two people have been identified in the Irvin photo: Ruth Shisler at centre and Carl Green in the bottom right.

If you recognize the other three men, please

let the Museum know! It is never too late to identify a photo.

This week's photo may bring back memories of carefree summer days spent at camp.

If you remember these boys from your camp days, please call the Museum 905-894-5322 or email museum@forterie.on.ca.

Venue in Ridgeway a great local hot spot



Kris Dubé
 Editor's Notebook

What takes place at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway, perfectly counters the age old argument that there is nothing to do in this

town for young people.

The local headquarters for the Fort Erie Arts Council is more than just a venue to hang pieces of art on a wall or that hosts exhibits for cultured people to share their opinions about painting and composition.

It's also a place to rock your socks off.

There has already

been a handful of concerts at the former church on Ridge Road and there is many more to come.

On Aug. 24, Monster Truck will hit the stage, a powerful and hard-hitting rock group from Hamilton.

Many people might not be aware of this, but their lead-singer and bass player was also in a

band called Hoosier Poet.

They were pretty awesome too.

The following night is the Fort Erie Music Fest and Night of Art, one of two signature events hosted by arts and culture groups across the region this year.

A Tribe Called Red, an all-aboriginal electronic music group that includes

DJ Shub, a product of Fort Erie, will be the headlining act.

They create an intensely unique and visual experience that even people who have no prior knowledge of their style of music, can certainly enjoy.

Aside from two evenings, there are many other events planned and if you catch yourself

saying there isn't enough to do for entertainment other go to a local watering hole for an entire night... then you clearly aren't looking hard enough.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or you can send me an email at kris.dube@sunmedia.ca

opinion page

Historical author responds to feud over flags in Ridgeway

Dear Editor,

I am the historian that Mr. Derrick Dea of the Ridgeway BIA is quoted in the Fort Erie Times claiming my input in the BIA's choice of the municipal banner image to commemorate the 1866 Battle of Ridgeway, which Mr. Dea also mistakenly states appeared in my book, *Ridgeway: The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle That Made Canada*.

The image chosen by the BIA is a contemporary American Fenian propaganda image with no historical veracity and does not appear in the pages of my book and I was not directly consulted by the BIA about its use as a municipal banner. It is entirely inappropriate and offensive for that purpose. I am, however, instrumental in how that image came to be chosen by the BIA and must take some of the responsibility.

In November 2011, under the impression that they were to be used to promote a reception for my book and a conference on the Battle of Ridgeway, a literary event scheduled in June 2012, I furnished the Ridgeway Reads Literary Festival with two images. My understanding was that the images would be used during the Festival's temporary banner that would come down after the festival. Since no iconic images existed from the Canadian point-of-view and because these images were in dramatic colour suitable for large format imaging, I sent two historic Fenian

propaganda images: one horizontal, a well-known but historically inaccurate American Fenian depiction of the two sides clashing in line formation, which apparently hangs or has hung in the Ridgeway High School and is familiar to most Canadians and frequently appears in our text books, and a lesser-known vertical image, called "The Green Over the Red" depicting a victorious Fenian standing proudly over three dead or wounded redcoats and a fourth soldier humiliated and begging for mercy, also an exaggerated Fenian propaganda image produced in the United States, which the BIA chose to adopt for use on a permanent municipal commemorative banner without my knowledge.

I suspect that the particular image was chosen only because it fit neatly the vertical format of the banners and for its colourful 'visibility' from street level and its inherent drama. (Those were precisely the reasons why I chose it to promote my book at the literary festival.) The other image, the horizontal one, would have had to be reduced, cropped and enlarged to fit that format and might have been less 'readable.' Those were the only two images submitted on the assumption that they were temporary images for BIA-sponsored banners promoting the literary event and not permanent municipal historical commemorative installations.

Upon arriving in Ridgeway on June 2, to participate in the Festival, I was shocked to see that the Fenian propa-

ganda image was adopted as a permanent municipal iconic commemorative device on twelve banners attached to lamp posts in the town centre! Being a guest in Ridgeway, and seeing that the banners had now been printed and installed, I thought it impossible to raise the issue with my kind hosts and hoped nobody would know enough to be offended by the choice. My silence was my mistake in underestimating the Canadian historical intellect and our people's vigour to defend our national heritage and I commend the citizens of Ridgeway who came out to protest the choice of that image and the elegant way they chose to express their frustration.

The objections raised by Rick Doan and his Fenian Soakers are not as some allege a question of 'changing history' or even about the 'accurate depiction' of what actually happened at Ridgeway, but of the iconic intent of the original image and its current use as a memorial symbol in a permanent municipal display intending to commemorate the town's military heritage in Canada's historic military heritage. As such, the use of an exaggerated Fenian propaganda poster for such a purpose is no more appropriate than commemorating Canada's military heritage in the Raid on Dieppe in 1942, a battle we lost, with a Nazi propaganda poster celebrating the German victory over Canadian troops, or commemorating Canada's role in Afghanistan using a Taliban poster portraying a

successful insurgent attack against a Canadian patrol, even if historically correct (not that I intend here to suggest that the Irish republican Fenian insurgents were akin to Nazis or the Taliban).

I commend the BIA's decision to commemorate the Battle of Ridgeway, never being in direct contact with them, through an error of miscommunication. Mr. Derrick Dea and the BIA acting in good faith drew upon the image for an entirely different purpose than I had thought it was intended for when I first submitted it to the Ridgeway Reads Literary Festival in November 2011.

That image, however, remains entirely inappropriate for a commemorative purpose. The argument that the image is a historically accurate representation of the defeat of the Canadian militia at Ridgeway is not exactly valid either. Before the Battle of Ridgeway, the Fenians were headed towards the Welland Canal, an although they were victorious at Ridgeway, in the wake of the resolute defence put up by the Canadians, the Fenians were shaken and turned back for the safety of Fort Erie across the river from their home base in Buffalo. (One must not forget that as many Fenians were killed at Ridgeway as Canadians.)

The use of that propagandistic image of a Fenian insurgent with prostrate Canadian troops at his feet as a municipal commemorative device is not even appropriate for the lamp posts of Dublin today, as

there is currently underway between the Irish people and those of Britain an historic ongoing reconciliation process towards a permanent peace, as represented by Her Majesty's ground breaking visit to Ireland last year when she laid a wreath at the Garden of Remembrance in Dublin, which honours republican who died fighting British rule, and her recent historic meeting in Belfast in June with Sinn Féin MP Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander. The use of that image municipally is out of step with these positive historical developments on both sides of what we hope after centuries is now a late past conflict.

Clearly, I know how I can help to fix this. I am prepared to meet with the Ridgeway BIA to explain this issue to them from a historians point-of-view, help them choose a different image to commemorate the battle that does not depict the humiliation of either side, but most importantly, an image appropriate for commemorating an event in which Canadians bravely fell while defending our home against a foreign invading insurgent enemy. Perhaps an image can be taken from Paul Gosn's new mural in the town, or an image of a figure from the Fenian era, such as the Fenian at Queen's Park, or portraits of the actual soldiers who fell at Ridgeway, or even a cropped version of the other (more neutral) iconic image of the two sides equally clashing, even if historically inaccurate, familiar to every-

one. I am prepared to find and propose appropriate alternative images for a commemorative purpose to replace the current one. (Although I would argue that one or two of the current one, if used among others, would be acceptable as it would no longer be the single iconic commemorative image, but part of the 'stream' of historical images which would soften its iconic power with a broader historical veracity. But as a 'definitive' commemorative symbol by itself, that image is inappropriate.)

As well, I am prepared to donate \$200 towards the printing of new banners since I was partly instrumental in this unfortunate misunderstanding.

The intentions of the Ridgeway BIA are commendable and I understand in these tough economic times their initial gut reaction "you cannot please everybody" and that the image is "historically accurate" and "we are sticking to our guns." It's not about the historical veracity but that the images as municipal commemorative memorial icons of Canada's military heritage are absolutely inappropriate.

Yours truly,

Peter Vronsky, Ph.D.
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Ridgeway: The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle That Made Canada

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Nexus usage increasing at Niagara's border crossings

Dan Dakin
CMI Agency

Border crossings in Niagara using Nexus now account for 12% of all bridge

traffic according to the local bridge authorities.

The agencies that manage the four bridges in the region put out a press release Tuesday saying a campaign to get more Nexus users in

the first half of 2012 was a success.

According to traffic data collected from the Lewiston-Queenston, Whirlpool, Rainbow and Peace bridges from January until June,

675,000 crossings were made using Nexus. That's up from 550,000 over the same time in 2011.

"These are very positive numbers and it speaks to all the outreach we've been doing," said

Matthew Davidson, the director of communications for the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority.

"I think it shows there's a growing appetite for Nexus membership in our region both on the Canadian and

American side of the border."

The busiest bridge for Nexus crossings was the Peace Bridge with 350,000 in the first six months of 2012. The Whirlpool Bridge had 250,000 crossings, the Rainbow Bridge had 38,000 and the Lewiston-Queenston had 34,000. The traffic at the Nexus-only Whirlpool Bridge is a 30% improvement over the same time last year.

"People know that's a place they can go to and not have to ever worry about border delays," Davidson said.

Though some users might

worry that increased enrollment would mean busier Nexus lanes on the bridges, Davidson said more lanes will be added as required.

"The thought is that if this program keeps growing the way it is, the program will expand," he said. "It's a good thing if we get more members. About 16% of all traffic at the Peace Bridge is Nexus traffic and we would like to grow that to 30 or 40%."

The Nexus program, which launched in 2000, now has approximately 690,000 registered users across North America, with 88,000 of those being from the Niagara area.

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National awards in October

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The second national judge who inspected the community was Jim Baird, who came all the way from New Brunswick. Growing up in the Waterloo area, he is familiar with Niagara and even Fort Erie.

The last time he was in town, the

Leisureplex, Town Hall and YMCA were in the very early stages of being built.

"This used to be a field when I was here... you do see positive changes," said Baird.

With Fort Erie being surrounded by natural bodies of water, he said that easily adds to the beauty of the community.

"You have the lake

and the river right there... those are wonderful amenities," said Baird.

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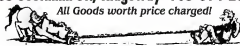
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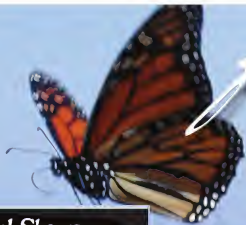
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Joey Neumann, left, Alycia LeBlanc, Saffron Cote, Staven Babaczynski and Amanda Quattrini learned about different forms and styles of drumming at TASC Niagara's weekly gathering on Wednesday at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. They were instructed by Mark Chindemi of Chinwa Rhythms. To learn more about the group's upcoming theatre production 'Time Warp,' a family picnic will be held at Windmill Point Park on Aug. 12. Call Nancy at (905) 894-1768 for more information.

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Here are some public health tips to minimize heat-related illness:

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Petition to save track being sent to Royal Family

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

When Kathy Wall and her husband attended the Fort Erie Racetrack for the Prince of Wales Stakes Race, the ideas started flowing shortly after.

The pair saw the crowd of about 8,000 people and witnessed what appeared to be an undying passion for Fort Erie's largest employer, the 115-year-old border oval that is a huge part of the small town's identity.

Kathy spent most of last week delivering a petition to local businesses, but the uniqueness of it is that it isn't going to be spent to the provincial government, who has been the recipient of many concerns and complaints from people and organizations who do not support the severing of financial contributions to the horse racing industry.

Instead, the petition will be delivered to the Prince of Wales himself (Prince Charles).

Unclear of how the message could be delivered to the member of the Royal Family, that the prestigious race named after him is in jeopardy... she found out the petition can be sent to Clarence House and eventually make its way to his desk.

"I thought it was a great idea... it's his namesake," said Wall.

The petition has been set up at various locations around Greater Fort Erie and Wall says business owners have been open to the idea.

"I've had a pretty good response at bars and restaurants," she said.

When speaking with

the Fort Erie times in the middle of the week, Wall estimated about 500 names had been added to the petitions at different locations.

She wants that number to reach about 3,000 by the time she sends them away after this long week-

end.

"I'm not looking for recognition, just signatures," she said.

On Prince of Wales day, wagering for the entire day was up \$133,673 compared to in 2011, pulling in a total of \$1,158,497 in wagering.

The Prince of Wales Stakes Race, the ninth of eleven runs on the day, saw \$413,794 spent by race fans. On track, \$64,748 came in.

For the entire day, \$266,401 worth of bets were placed between all eleven races.

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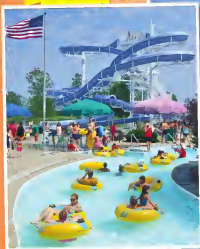


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Search for new CAO is back on at Town Hall

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's search for a new Chief Administrative Officer is back on.

After an extensive evaluation process, the Town extended an offer of employment to an external candidate in mid-July. However, the offer has now been withdrawn after the Town and the candidate were unable to come to terms on an employment agreement.

Council will meet in early September to consider its

options. In the meantime, Ron Tripp will continue to serve as Interim CAO, a position he assumed in August 2011.

The search for a new Chief Administrative Officer began last fall following the resignation of Harry Schlange who accepted a position with an Ottawa-area provider of medical laboratory services.

The offer made to the candidate was very similar to what Schlange earned while in Fort Erie, said mayor Doug Martin.

"In essence, it was the same

contract."

No meeting was called to withdraw the offer, but all members of council were contacted on the matter and were asked to either show support or opposition to continuing the search.

Martin said the majority of council voted in favour.

The search won't get back into full swing until September, when less members of council and Town staff are taking vacations.

All discussions related to this matter have been conducted in closed session.

Region and CUPE come to agreement

Niagara Region and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1287,

representing over 840 full and part-time clerical, technical, skilled labour and professional Regional employees, have freely negotiated and agreed to a three-year collective agree-

ment that runs from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014.

The percentage wage increases for the 36 month period are 0 per cent in the first year, one per cent in the second and two per cent in the third year for a total cost including wages and benefits of 3.15 per cent over

the three years or \$138 million.

"Achieving a freely negotiated settlement was of utmost importance in our negotiations with CUPE Local 1287," said Regional Chair Gary Burroughs. "We were able to obtain a settlement that worked for all parties. On behalf of Regional Council, I would like to thank the Region's and CUPE Local 1287 negotiating teams for their hard work in attaining a freely negotiated settlement," concludes Burroughs.

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

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Move on from Bay Beach, says mayor

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

It's time to look ahead and focus on Fort Erie's future.

It's time to stop talking about the Crystal Beach Gateway Project, says mayor Doug Martin.

Last week, the final approval needed for council was given, with the majority of all seven local politicians voting in favour of accepting the overall benefit permit on the Fowler's Toad issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

At the meeting, after hours of dialogue that picked the permit apart, Martin expressed his frustration that the condo project at the beach has already been approved, passed an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing and two lawsuits already... yet it is still challenged by some members of council.

"We're trying to move forward on this, but it seems every week it gets brought

back up again," said Martin when speaking to the Fort Erie Times this week.

There are more important items that need council's attention like the black cloud hanging over the Fort Erie Racetrack, along with the Canadian Motor Speedway project.

"Hopefully we can put this behind us and start addressing other things to move this town forward," said Martin.

Martin, who has been supportive of the project since it was introduced over three years ago, understands it is the right of residents and members of council to express their opinions, but there has to be a time, almost two years after the election that differences need to be put aside over one specific issue.

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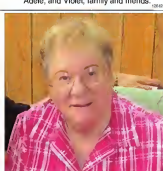
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Announcements

Birthday greetings

Happy 1st Birthday
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xxxx, Mommy, Daddy, Annabelle, Grantly Jo, Papa, Grandma Brady, Uncle Kevin, Aunt Ruth, Uncle Stephen, Aunt Teresa, Aunt Kara, Uncle Kevin K, Uncle Tim, Aunt Cindy, Uncle Mario, your cousins Gabriele, Mateo, Angelina, Cecil, Claire, Adele, and Violet, family and friends.

Happy Birthday
Connie Shaw

You are invited to an
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Sunday, Aug. 5th 1-4pm
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Thank You Cards

Thank You!

The Caruana's would like to thank everyone who attended the 12th Annual "Ed Chadwick Golf Tournament. Thank you to our families, friends, co-workers and businesses for the hole sponsors.

Ed Chadwick, Larry and Wendy Gibson, their staff, for a memorable evening. Brandon enjoyed being an auctioneer. Sincerely, Joe, Lisa, Brandon and Andrew Caruana

Deaths

KENT, Bryan David - Passed away suddenly at Sauble Beach on Friday July 27th, 2012 in his 60th year. Loving husband of Catherine (nee Bown). Proud father of Sarah (Michael) Breauder and Laura (Brian) Vander Violet and devoted grandfather of Nadejyn. Cherished son of Ellen and the late Walter Garrick Kent. Sadly missed by his brothers Norman Gary (Katherine) and Kenneth Blair (Marian) Kent. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and the members of the Bown family. Bryan was devoted husband, father and grandfather. An avid golfer and woodworker, he retired as the Manager of Waste Water Operations with the Niagara Region in 2008. He was a member of Palmer Masonic Lodge #372 A.F. & A.M. Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Thursday August 2nd, from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services was held on Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Benner Funeral Chapel. Interment followed in St. Paul's Cemetery. A Masonic service was held on Thursday evening. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice, would be appreciated by the family.

Deaths



MAKSINUK, Shirley - With great sadness and sorrow, the family announce the passing of Shirley at St. Joseph's I.C.U. Hospital, Hamilton, on Thursday, August 2nd 2012. Age 60 years. Beloved wife, best friend and soul mate to husband Bill, together for 48 years. Loving mother of Ryan and Rodney (Kistia). Most loved grandmother of Maykayla and Avery. Dear daughter of Norma and the late Tom Rogers and sister of Susan. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway on Sunday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Snyder on Monday August 6th at 11:00 a.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the I.C.U. at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton would be appreciated by the family.

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And Now
She is our Special Angel
In Heaven
Thanks

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Deaths



THOMAS, Leonard Martin - March 28, 1926 - July 25, 2012. Our beloved Len, the best dance partner, world traveler, seafarer, gardener and everyone's "fix-it" man passed away peacefully. Len is the Son of the late Wesley and Lila Thomas and the dear Brother of Rhea Bringham. Len leaves to mourn his Step-Daughter, Suzanne, Grandchildren (Mora), extended family, Dorothy and his very special friends. Len was predeceased by his Sister, Ruth Glennie, his first Wife, Merle and their Son Bob and his second Wife, Mora. Former Chief Engineer for Alsea Stevie. We will celebrate Len's life with a "Happy Hour", his favourite time of day, on August 5, and will be held in BC & Ontario. Details to follow. Donations may be made to the A.L.S. Society in Len's memory.

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Card of thanks

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JOSHUA ADAM TYLER MACK
May 14, 1984 - August 7, 2008



From our Josh to all who love him still.

"As I sit and watch you everyday, I try and let you know with signs, I never went away, I hear you laughing and I watch you as you sleep, I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep, I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home. So I try to send you signs, so you know you are not alone. Don't feel guilty, that you have life that was denied to me.

Try to live your life, enjoy yourself, be free. Then I'll know with every breath you take, you'll be taking one for me."

Thank you to all who support the Josh Mack Memorial Golf Tournament, which is held every year in his honour, helping aid a deserving graduating hockey player from Josh's alma mater, Lakeshore Catholic High School, with their future endeavours.

I miss him terribly and even though it has been four years, it feels like yesterday.

Love, Sue Mack
Aka: "Mommie"

Proud Mom of Josh Mack
Aka: "Legend", "Hulk Hogan in a Pink Corvette", "Macker", "Mosh Jack"...etc!!

Planning

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Darren Flagg

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PUTTICK, Marlene "nee Brown" - Quietly passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie after a long battle with cancer on July 26th, 2012. Cherished mother of Carol Anne Bennett (Mike Tucker), Robert Puttick (Catherine Henningsham - Puttick), and Kathleen Puttick. Proud grandmother of James Bennett, Terry McIntee and Jacob Puttick. Loving aunt and great aunt to the Bremner and Jenkins Families. A proud and active member of Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 10th from 5-8 pm. Funeral Services will be conducted in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday, August 11th at 11 am. Cremation to follow.

"Rest in eternal peace mom, you are in a better place now"

Memorial services

JOHN SIMS

The interment of John's ashes will take place Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery



Thank you to Jerome and Patrick O'Charchin at Niagara Funeral Alternatives for keeping watch over Joe at the end of his journey. Rest in God's loving arms. Joe you are now free! You will remain in our hearts forever.

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In memoriam



Tom Robért

"The Man Who Loved People"
October 23, 1938 - August 7, 2002
10 years have passed, and we miss you more and more - so many milestones. Wish you could see your first and only Grandson Logan, who carries your personality, your seven Granddaughters, as they graduated and your first Granddaughter's marriage. Memories of your bubbly voice, infectious smile, laughter, crazy antics and mostly your love and kindness keep us going. Celebrating your life with a family picnic along your river. Till we dance together again.
Wife Jan, T.R., Rachael, Sarah, Renee, Rob, Alex, McKenzie, Logan; Leslie, Richard, Miranda, Chanelle, & Carley.

To say I miss you wouldn't be justice. You are in my heart and always on my mind. To think it has been 10 years since I saw your smile, heard your laugh and was in your arms makes me think of how time flies through life. Even at 6 years old you had taught me to be myself, to always laugh, have fun and enjoy life. Miss you always - Carley

Thank you for teaching me to live every day to the fullest. Even though you are gone, I still feel you with me every day. I love you and miss you, forever, always your chipmunk, Chanelle.

In some ways it seems forever and in others it seems like you were right beside us laughing and having a good time. On my wedding day, it was hard without you, but I felt you with me sharing my day. I wish you had met Andrew. He's a lot like you. Miss you always. There is never a day we don't think of you! Love you - Miranda.

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